

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jene Vickrey at 3:30 P.M. on February 21, 2006 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Harold Lane- excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes Office
Maureen Stinson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rep. Shari Weber
Sheriff Ken McGovern, Douglas County
Andree Sisco
Tina Steventon
Rep. Geraldine Flaharty

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2938 **Driving while suspended or revoked, habitual violator third or subsequent offense, nonperson felony, sentence in county jail**

Rep. Shari Weber testified in support of the bill (Attachment 1). She explained that the bill endeavors to reinstate a stronger penalty for repetitive violations because of all of the anecdotal and documented infractions.

Ken McGovern, Douglas County Sheriff, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 2). He said the bill would increase the severity levels for repeat offenders of Drive While Suspended or Revoked.

Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2938**.

HB 2938 **Driving while suspended or revoked, habitual violator third or subsequent offense, nonperson felony, sentence in county jail**

Rep. Otto made a motion for the favorable passage of HB 2938. Rep. M. Miller seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Chairman Vickrey opened the hearing on:

HB 2810 **Improvement districts; qualifications for office**

Rep. Geraldine Flaharty testified in support of the bill (Attachment 3). She said the bill would require any person running for election as a director of an Improvement district to own property or be a resident of the district.

Andree Sisco, a Wichita resident, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 4). Ms. Sisco explained that she felt the need for the bill after the passage of HB 2580 out of Committee which allows Improvement Districts to set their own compensation for directors.

Tin Steventon, a member of the Oakview Neighborhood Association Board, testified in support of the bill (Attachment 5). She advised that communities need board members who are totally vested in the community and that strangers should not be running the neighborhoods.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairman Vickrey closed the hearing on **HB 2810**.

HB 2810 **Improvement districts; qualifications for office**

Rep. Miller for a motion to amend the bill with a technical correction. Rep. Yonally seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HB 2742 **Affidavits and sworn testimony in support of probably cause for the issuance of a warrant are open court records following execution of warrant, certain exclusions**

Rep. Goico made a motion to amend the bill with proposed changes (Attachment 6). Rep. M. Miller seconded the motion. Following discussion, the Motion failed 5 to 8.

Rep. Huebert made a motion to refer HB 2742 to the Judicial Counsel. Rep. Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

HB 2719 **Open meetings; recording of closed or executive sessions**

Rep. Otto made a motion for the favorable passage of the bill. Rep. Goico seconded the motion.

Rep. Yonally made a motion to amend the bill to exclude suspension and expulsion hearings from the process. Rep. Craft seconded the motion.

Rep. Swenson moved to table action on the bill. Rep. F. Miller seconded the motion. Motion failed 5-7.

A vote was taken on the Rep. Yonally motion to amend. Motion carried.

Rep. Craft made a motion to amend the bill to cap the number of times in a calendar year at three that a board member can request a recorded executive sessions. Rep. M. Miller seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Rep. Storm made a motion for the favorable passage of HB 2719 As Amended. Rep. Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rep. Craft and Rep. F. Miller requested to be recorded as "No" votes.